

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB):

(a) and (b). The task of fencing on the Indo-Pak border has been initially taken up on certain pre-selected sensitive stretches in Punjab and Rajasthan. There is no proposal at present to fence the entire border. Work on this is continuing without any hurdles.

(c) and (d). Presently only sensitive stretches are being taken up for fencing.

[Translation]

#### **Benefit of Development to Weaker Sections**

\*545. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefits of development are not percolating to weaker sections;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take some concrete measures so that benefits of development percolate to weaker sections; and

(c) if so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) to (c). Benefits of development are made available to the weaker sections under Central and Centrally sponsored Schemes of the Government of India and state Plan Schemes.

#### **Reduction in Quota of Imported News-print.**

546. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to reduce the quota of Imported news print for

various newspapers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to fulfil the domestic demand; and

(c) the total quantity of newsprint imported for the year 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State Trading Corporation has informed that they have contracted a quantity of 1.61 lakh MTs of newsprint during the year, in addition to brought forward contracts of the order of 0.62 lakh MTs.

[English]

#### **Villages Electrified in Madhya Pradesh**

547. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR:  
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the time by which the rest of the villages are likely to be electrified; and

(c) the details of the allocations likely to be made during the Eighth five year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available infor-

mation, out of 71352 villages in Madhya Pradesh, 63405 villages have been electrified by the end of September, 1991.

(b) and (c), the completion of electrification of the remaining villages will depend on the plan allocation to be made by the planning Commission from year to year. The Plan allocations for the eighth Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised.

#### **The Fts of Telephone Cable in Delhi**

548. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether organised gangs of telephone cable thieves are active in the capital for the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of telephone cable

thefts since January to October, 1991;

(c) the details of losses incurred; and

(d) the steps Government proposed to be taken in this regard?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There have been many incidents of cable thefts in the capital during the last one year. Information whether organised gangs of telephone cable thieves are operating is being called for from the Delhi Police authorities and will be furnished on receipt.

(b) and (c). The information is given in Statement attached

(d) In addition to close coordination with the Delhi Police, who are taking action to apprehend the culprits, measures like double locking of manhole covers on ducted routes, laying of cables in concrete on open culverts and external chain and lock arrangements for PCM repeater Cabinets have been undertaken by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam (MTNL).

#### **STATEMENT**

*Total number of cable thefts and telephones affected in Delhi Telephones Network together with loss incurred.*

<i>Month</i>	<i>Cable affected</i>	<i>No. of Telephones</i>	<i>Approx. loss on account of material cost (RS.)</i>
Jan. 1991	15	5104	56322
Feb. 1991	17	4756	72276
March' 91	12	4484	51702
April' 91	12	7618	84882